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¶1. SUMMARY: THE SITUATION IN THE WEST BANK AND THE WALL COURT
CASE AT THE HAGUE DOMINATED COVERAGE IN ELECTRONIC AND PRINT

MEDIA. AN EDITORIAL IN "AL ITTIHAD" NOTES THAT ISRAEL'S THREATS TO DESTROY THE ROAD MAP ARE ONLY A NEW FORM OF BLACKMAIL. END SUMMARY.

¶12. UNDER THE HEADLINE "THE PATIENT AND MERCY KILLING," SHARJAH-BASED PAN-ARAB DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 02/25:

"IF THE U.S., GEORGE BUSH, AND ALL THE LIKOUDIANS IN HIS ADMINISTRATION ARE LOOKING AT THE ARAB COUNTRIES AS A PATIENT, THEN THE PRESCRIPTIONS OF AIRCRAFTS, TANKS, AND POISONOUS DIPLOMATIC GLOVES ARE ONLY TO KILL THE PATIENT THROUGH WHAT WESTERNS CALL 'MERCY KILLING,' AND ARE NOT TO HELP IN THEIR RECOVERY. WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION IS WHAT THE U.S. WANTS TO IMPLEMENT IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND ON MUSLIMS NOW, BUT IN A HARSHER WAY SINCE IT ADDS THE ZIONIST GREEDINESS TO ITS OCCUPATION BENEFITS."

¶13. COMMENTING ON ISRAEL'S THREATS OF DESTROYING THE ROAD MAP AT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 02/25:

"THE ISRAELI THREAT OF DESTROYING THE ROAD MAP AT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE YESTERDAY, THAT IS IF THE COURT ANNOUNCES ANY LEGAL OPINION REGARDING THE WALL, IS ONLY A NEW ISRAELI BLACKMAIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY. SHARON DESTROYED THE ROAD MAP WHILE IT WAS STILL ON PAPER. AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN ADVICE GIVEN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE GIVE SHARON THE GREEN LIGHT TO CONTINUE BUILDING THE WALL. THIS SILENCE AND FAVORITISM WILL NOT BRING PEACE TO THE REGION BUT WILL BRING DESTRUCTION AND VIOLENCE."

¶14. NOTING ISRAEL'S DISAPPROVAL OF HAVING INTERNATIONAL FORCES IN GAZA, ABU DHABI-BASED ARABIC DAILY "AKHBAR AL-ARAB" EDITORIALIZED 02/25:

". PALESTINIANS AND ARABS IN GENERAL, WITH ALL THEIR FRIENDS IN THE WORLD ARE REQUESTING THE INTERFERENCE OF THE UN TO PLAY A ROLE THAT WILL OVERRIDE WASHINGTON'S VETO AND ISRAEL'S REJECTION, IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR TOO LONG."

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